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Chairman Kevin Marlin
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Mr. Chairman:

The Internet has become a vital part of American life and will only continue to do so at a more rapid pace. Telecommuting, telemedicine, distance learning, electronic **shopping**, and investment management -the list of Web-enabled activities *is* vast and growing. In short, Americans rely on Web-based communication **to** learn, play **and** work. The resources available on the Internet enable **us** to **be more** productive and reach new markets around the globe.

But the truth is American very underserved when it comes to broadband; consider these facts:

- Current prices for broadband in the United States are among the highest in the world.
- At least 114 million adults in the United States are either completely unconnected **to** the Internet or rely on dialup connections
- Students from household that make **less** than \$20,000 a year are much less likely to have Internet **RCCCCS**
- The United States **docs** not have an interoperable public safety network capable of providing broadband to first responders

Broadband is not only the key to our quality of life today but also to America's competitiveness for tomorrow. That is **why** I think it critical that you give favorable consideration to an application by **M2Z** that would allow it to establish a nationwide free broadband internet system which if approved **has** a great opportunity to revolutionize the availability **and** usability of the internet in this country.

Sincerely,



Percy "Steve" Malicon
President & CEO

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March 13, 2007

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Re: Free Broadband Internet Access

Chairman Martin:

The FCC **has** a unique opportunity to provide a significant step up in internet provider services. M2Z Networks **has** submitted **an** application to the **FCC** for the establishment of nationwide free broadband internet which, if approved, will revolutionize the availability and usability of the internet in Alaska and throughout this **country**. I urge the commission **to** give prompt and favorable consideration to this proposal.

Alaska would benefit in many ways from having access to free broadband internet services. Many of our communities are widely dispersed and not connected by the road system. Still others have only seasonal access and **are** isolated for long periods at a time. Our organization is committed to the encouragement of small business development which provides **an** integral component of our economic base. The internet plays **a** pivotal role in providing these small businesses with access to world **markets** from our small rural community. Free access to broadband internet could be instrumental to **the** future success of these **small** businesses.

Our school system in Cordova and those throughout **Alaska** would reap immense benefits with access to free internet **services**. Many of our schools in the state use the internet to bridge the **urban/rural** gap and share educational experiences. The availability of free internet would go a long way in equalizing educational opportunities for **our** children.

Given our geographically dispersed environment, the internet has proven to be an essential means of communication for business, community leaders, emergency service providers, and our citizenry **as** a whole. Universal free connectivity to broadband internet is important to our future economic growth and personal prosperity.

The Cordova Chamber of Commerce strongly advocates your speedy and **affirmative** consideration of M2Z's proposal which is before you. No one person in our entire nation should be without broadband internet services because of **cost**.

Sincerely,


Martin Moe,
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